

Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 19 August 2026 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG 01 26-27 (KZDDSGGJ) Finding Self In Nature CIC Finding Self In Nature	The initiative aims to improve quality of life by reducing loneliness, fostering a sense of community and increasing access to preventative wellbeing support through links with social prescribing networks and referral partners. It also encourages environmental stewardship and care for local green spaces.	• Helping people in crisis • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	Nature based wellbeing programme- Initial small pilot group x 2. The project provides early intervention wellbeing support through nature-based activities, helping people build resilience, improve mental wellbeing and develop coping strategies before challenges escalate into crisis. Participants benefit from a supportive outdoor environment that encourages connection with nature, physical activity and meaningful social interaction	£2,500.00
CCG 02 26-27 (GNRWGKKX) Loves Farm House Community Centre Solar Reflective Window Films	The project aims to reduce carbon emissions by lowering heat gain within the community building and reducing reliance on energy-intensive cooling methods. By creating a more comfortable indoor environment, it will support continued use of the facility for exercise classes, community activities and a volunteer-run café, helping to maintain social connections and promote healthier, more active lifestyles. The project responds to recent periods of extreme heat, which have led to the cancellation of activities and loss of income. It seeks to improve the building's resilience to high temperatures, ensuring it remains accessible and welcoming for the local community.	• Lowering carbon emissions • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	To install solar window films to reduce the heat within the building from the solar gain, by doing this we aim to reduce our energy use and improve comfort in our community space.	£2,497.80

CCG 03 26-27 (SSZSPHPB) Needingworth Cricket Club Needingworth CC Training Nets	Encouraging physical activity in the Holywell Cum Needingworth area by making cricket more appealing. A more professional setup at Millfields will show that the club can stand on it's own two feet and not be reliant on other grounds and will reduce our dependency (and costs) on renting equipment.	Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	To purchase a training net setup for installation on the ground/site at Millfields in Needingworth. Currently the club pay to use a different teams' nets at Bluntisham. This will have short and long term benefits to the club. This would help grow the club into multiple teams and a junior setup.	£2,500.00
CCG 04 26-27 (XTDJMPLF) Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Extending Palliative Outreach into a Permanent Active Ageing Legacy	This project will provide weekly sessions for older residents that combine gentle exercise, wellbeing support and access to local services. By improving mobility, reducing loneliness and offering early intervention support, it aims to help people maintain independence, prevent crisis and strengthen community connections.	- Helping people in crisis - Keeping people out of crisis - Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	In September/October 2026, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity (ARHC) is confirmed to deliver a specialist 6-week Living Well pilot at Fenstanton Community Hall. This pilot directly supports local residents living with advanced, life-limiting conditions (typically within 2 years of end-of-life) and their primary carers. While this clinical outreach is vital, short-term pilots often risk a "support cliff-edge" once the 6 weeks conclude. This application requests funding to capitalise on that initial momentum and transform the pilot into a permanent, self-sustaining weekly "Active & Ageing Well Hub."	£2,250.00

CCG 05 26-27 (VQLVKMBH) Brampton Netball Club Additional Equipment and Training Resources	Brampton Netball Club provides affordable opportunities for people aged 14 to over 60 to participate in regular physical activity, improving physical and mental wellbeing while building social connections. Funding will help purchase essential kit and equipment for around 30 players, reducing financial barriers to participation and supporting an inclusive environment. The project aims to retain existing members, attract new players and continue providing a welcoming community where people can stay active, build confidence and reduce social isolation.	• Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	Brampton Netball Club is raising funds to provide new playing kit, equipment and training resources for over 30 players aged 14 to 60+. The project will help make netball more accessible, encourage participation, and support the growth of a welcoming, inclusive community sports club.	£2,500.00
CCG 06 26-27 (NMGDFHSJ) CARESCO BBQ for Multiple Group and Event Use	CARESCO supports over 300 people each month across 15 rural Huntingdonshire parishes, providing services that reduce isolation, improve wellbeing and support vulnerable residents through activities, transport, volunteering opportunities, a foodbank, strength and balance classes, social groups and community events. The organisation is currently self-funded and operating at a loss, limiting its ability to fund equipment replacements. The grant would enable CARESCO to replace an ageing BBQ that is regularly used for its Green End Day Club, community events, volunteer activities and wellbeing garden sessions. The new BBQ would help the organisation continue providing affordable food, social opportunities and fundraising activities that strengthen community connections and support its wider programme of services.	• Helping people in crisis • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	A large BBQ to support events and groups run by CARESCO including free volunteer events (130+ volunteers), free Green End Day Club (GEDC) use and other group use. We also support Sawtry Colts Youth football events such as their presentation day, Sawtry 10K road race, Sawtry Carnival and more by providing low cost food which also helps us fund our charity to carry out the community work we do	£349.99

CCG 07 26-27 (GQXKLGKC) Abbotsley Village Hall Series of Autumn Tasters	The project aims to increase community participation by introducing new activities and groups where there is currently limited provision. Proposed taster sessions in Yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba Gold would expand opportunities for physical activity, while a new Baby Group and After School Lego Club would support families and help maintain social connections between children and parents. An evening Craft Club would also provide an accessible creative activity for working-age residents who cannot attend daytime groups.	• Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	To provide a series of 'Taster Activities', aimed at engagement with the community, leading on to permanent groups.	£430.00
CCG 08 26-27 (NQXVPSKX) Southoe Parochial Church Council (PCC) Turning up the heat - the Southoe and Midloe Community Hub Project	This project strongly supports the Community Chest priorities of Lowering Carbon Emissions and Improving Quality of Life and Wellbeing, while also promoting Social Connections Across Communities. The replacement of an oil-fired heating system with a low-carbon infrared heating system will significantly reduce emissions, while enabling a newly refurbished community hub to operate year-round. The improved facilities will support a wide range of community activities, helping reduce isolation, strengthen community cohesion and provide accessible local opportunities for residents.	• Lowering carbon emissions • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	Over the past year, Southoe PCC has obtained funds from many grant making bodies to transform the nave of Southoe church in a community space for the village of Southoe and beyond. This includes new solar panels funded by Hunts DC. The next phase is introducing a carbon reducing heating scheme in October costing £59,539.66. We are only £5,000 short of our target and hope to start work on this in the last week in October 2026. A contribution to this last piece of the funding puzzle would be great!	£2,500.00

CCG 09 26-27 (NXJKKSHP) St Ives EcoAction Reducing Home Energy Costs in St Ives	The project aims to reduce carbon emissions by helping residents identify areas of their homes that would benefit from improved insulation, particularly in older housing stock in St Ives. By enabling households to make low-cost energy efficiency improvements, the project will also help reduce energy bills and support residents in avoiding financial hardship. In addition to environmental and financial benefits, the project will foster community connections and, with appropriate volunteer training, could also help identify overheating risks in the homes of vulnerable residents during periods of extreme heat.	• Lowering carbon emissions • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone	We are working with Cambridge Carbon Footprint to help people in St Ives reduce energy use in their homes. We will buy the recommended type of thermal imaging camera to easily identify areas in a property needing additional insulation. It will then be available for short term (week or weekend) loan to residents.	£750.00
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